Setting up of Medicinal Plant Board

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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Medicinal Plant Board is going to be set up shortly, with a corpus of Rs. 50 crore;

(b) if so, the details thereof and by when the Board is likely to be constituted;

(c) the functions and duties proposed to be assigned to the Board;

(d) whether the Board would also be entrusted with the work of formating data Bank on various medicinal and herbal plants to prevent attempts by foreign countries to patent these resources and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) who arc the members of the Board?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM): (a) to (d) Final decision has not been taken so far.

(e) Docs not arise.